Claims

[c1]   A method for combining a print job separator page with a print job, said method comprising:

receiving an original print job at a print system component;

analyzing said original print job with said print system component; and

creating a combined print job comprising said original print job and a print job separator page.

[c2]   The method of claim 1 wherein said print system component is a print processor.

[c3]   The method of claim 1 wherein said print system component is a spooler.

[c4]   The method of claim 1 wherein said print system component is a print assistant.

[c5]   The method of claim 1 wherein said print system component is located on a print server.

[c6]   The method of claim 1 further comprising sending said combined print job to a printer.

[c7]   The method of claim 1 further comprising sending said combined print job to a print server.

[c8]   The method of claim 1 wherein said creating comprises adding data for said print job separator page to said original print job.

[c9]   The method of claim 1 wherein said creating comprises creating a new print job file comprising data for said print job separator page and said original print job.

[c10]   The method of claim 1 wherein said combined print job comprises said original print job preceded by a job separator page that identifies said original print job.

[c11]   The method of claim 1 wherein said print job separator page comprises a summary of characteristics of said original print job.

[c12]   A method for combining a print job separator page with a print job, said method comprising:

transmitting an original print job to a print system component;

determining characteristics of said original print job with said print

system component;

compiling print job separator page data based on said characteristics; and

creating a combined print job comprising said original print job and a

print job separator page;

wherein said print job separator page comprises said print job separator

page data based on said characteristics.

[c13]   A method for modifying an original print job, said method comprising:

transmitting an original print job to a print system component;

determining characteristics of said original print job; and

modifying said original print job to add a description of said

characteristics to said original print job.

[c14]   A print system component for combining a print job separator page with a print

job, said component comprising:

a receiver for receiving a print job;

an analyzer for analyzing said print job; and

a combiner for combining said print job with a print job separator page

thereby creating a single combined print job.

[c15]   A computer readable medium comprising instructions for combining a print job

separator page with a print job, said instructions comprising the acts of:

receiving an original print job at a print system component;

analyzing said original print job with said print system component; and

creating a combined print job comprising said original print job and a

print job separator page.

[c16]   A computer data signal embodied in an electronic transmission, said signal

having the function of combining a print job separator page with a print job,

said signal comprising instructions for:

receiving an original print job at a print system component;

analyzing said original print job with said print system component; and

creating a combined print job comprising said original print job and a

print job separator page.